4) 20% **Credit Linked Capital Subsidy**:

The Government bus implemented 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme under the TUFS, especially in order to help the decentralized Powerloom Sector. The scheme is applicable to Powerlooms in SSI sector only. Under the scheme, Rs. 166.39 crore has been disbursed to 2320 cases since November 2003 to March 2009.

Implementation of TUFS in A.P.

2097.SHRI NANDI YUELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had directed the Ministry of Finance to extend the Technology Upgradadon Fund Scheme (TUFS) benefits upto the year 2011 on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the latest status of the TUFS implementation in Andhra Pradesh vis-a-vis other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government has approved the extension of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) on 01.11.2007 for the entire period of 11th Five year plan. Funds under the scheme are released through the nodal agencies/co-opted institutions to the identified segments of the industry for the projects in conformity with the scheme and financial norms of the Financial Institutions concerned. The total project cost sanctioned under TUFS for projects undertaken in the state of Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 7914.09 crores as on 31.3.2009.

Widening gap between demand and supply of cotton

2098.SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the MINISTER OF TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widening gap between demand and supply of cotton and rising input cost force the textile industry to reduce its production by 25 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any proposal to impose the restriction on the export of cotton to meet to domestic textile industries;

(d) whether it is a fact that export of cotton is at the rate of 65 cents a pound and at the same time import it at much higher price of 80 cents a pound; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and thpreasons for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No Madam. During current cotton season 2008-09, cotton production in the country has been estimated at 290 lakh bales. With carry over of 43 lakh bales and imports estimated at 7.00 lakh bales, the total availability is placed at 340.00 lakh bales. As against this, with mill consumption (including mill + small mill and non-mill consumption) at 230.00 lakh bales and with estimated